

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Claims 19-28 remain pending. No new matter is added.

Interview Summary

The undersigned Applicants' representative thanks Examiner Kee Tung for taking the time to conduct a telephone interview on November 15, 2006. During the interview, proposed amendments were discussed that were believed to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection. Examiner Tung agreed that the proposed amendments would indeed overcome the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants now submit amendments identical to those proposed during the interview.

Claim Rejections

Claims 19-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. It is alleged that these claims do not recite or result in a useful, concrete, and tangible result.

Independent claim 19 is amended to further include receiving a user input that includes the digital ink stroke, and displaying a representation of the digital ink stroke having smoothed widths and smoothed rotations at a plurality of sampling locations. Thus, amended claim 19 specifically recites a useful, concrete, and tangible result: a smoothed digital ink stroke is produced from a user input.

Independent claim 22 is amended to further include receiving a user input that includes the digital ink stroke, and displaying a representation of the digital ink stroke including a representation of pen tip instances having smoothed rotations. Thus, amended claim 22 also specifically recites a useful, concrete, and tangible result: a smoothed digital ink stroke is produced from a user input.

The dependent claims are also allowable by virtue of depending from allowable independent claims, and further in view of the additional features recited therein.

Conclusion

No other rejections having been made, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone call would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,
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